

Joint Meeting of the Topsfield Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals

March 1, 2011

Planning Board Chairman Robert Winship called the meeting to order at 8:12 PM. Members present were Robert Winship, Janice Ablon, Gregor Smith, Ian DeBuy Wenniger, Jonathan Young, Robert Moriarty and Jody Clineff. Roberta Knight, Community Development Coordinator was also present.

Visitors: Selectmen Martha Morrison and Dick Gandt; Steve Hall

The Board members reviewed the amendments to the Zoning Bylaw concerning the following issues:

- Renewable and Alternative Energy Definitions
- Research & Development Facilities – Permitted Use
- Ground Mounted Solar PV Bylaw
- WECS – Large Scale Bylaw
- Wind Energy Overlay District
- Revisions to Table of Uses related to above

And made comments and revisions accordingly in their review of Draft 3 of Warrant Article Document with D. Gandt edits; Draft 2 of the Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations Bylaw with RLW & RMK edits; and RLW Markup of Draft 1 of the Large Scale Wind Energy Conversion Facilities Bylaw. See attachments for further details as well as Warrant Articles Draft 4 and Draft 3 of the Solar Bylaw that reflect revisions discussed at the joint meeting.

It was the consensus of those members present not to move forward with the large scale wind energy amendments at this time based on the comments received at the Informational Meeting on February 24th at which time abutters to the proposed site had voiced their concerns. Chairman Winship noted that there is new technology relative to the design of wind turbines that might be more appropriate for the proposed overlay district site; however, information is not available for the new patented technology at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta M. Knight
Community Development Coordinator